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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A method of producing a ceramic article comprising:

casting a slip under pressure into a mold in order to form a deposit; and

filtering a solution containing a deflocculant through the deposit.

- 2. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the slip is flocculated.
- 3. (previously presented) The method as claimed in either of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the slip comprises kaolin.
- 4. (previously presented) The method as claimed in either of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the slip comprises clay.
- 5. (previously presented) The method as claimed in any one of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the slip comprises quartz.
- 6. (previously presented) The method as claimed in any one of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the deflocculant represents at most 3% by weight of the article.
- 7. (previously presented) The method as claimed in any one of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the deflocculant represents at most 5% by weight of the solution.
- 8. (previously presented) The method as claimed in any one of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the deflocculant represents between 0.20% and 3% by weight of the solution.

- 9. (previously presented) A ceramic article, characterized in that it is produced by the process as claimed in one of claims 1 or 2.
- 10. (previously presented) The article as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that it is formed in a ceramic chosen from the following group: porcelain, vitreous china, earthenware and stoneware.
- 11. (previously presented) An intermediate product for the purpose of producing a ceramic article, characterized in that the product is obtained from the mold after the steps set out in claim 1.
- 12. (previously presented) A device for producing a ceramic article, comprising a mold and a first tank suitable for containing a slip, characterized in that it comprises a second tank suitable for containing a solution and means for injecting under pressure, into the mold, alternately the slip from the first tank and the solution from the second tank.

13. (cancelled)

- 14. (previously presented) A ceramic article produced by the process as claimed in claim 3.
- 15. (previously presented) A ceramic article produced by the process as claimed in claim 4.
- 16. (previously presented) A ceramic article produced by the process as claimed in claim 5.
- 17. (previously presented) A ceramic article produced by the process as claimed in claim 6.

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18. (previously presented) A ceramic article produced by the process as claimed in claim 7.

19. (previously presented) A ceramic article produced by the process as claimed in claim 8.